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OXCART BLACK SHIELD OPS

FROM COL SHELTON

SUBJECT IS CRITIQUE ITEMS - OPNL MSN BX6732

1. DURING RECENT PROJ HQS CRITIQUE/REVIEW OF BX6732,
FOLLOWING TWO DISCREPANCIES NOTED IN OPERATIONAL MISSION
OPERATING PROCEDURES:

A. CAMERA OPERATION:

(1) NPIC PHOTO PLOT OF THE MISSION PHOTOGRAPHY
VERIFIES THAT THE FIRST IDENTIFIABLE FRAME ON THE
SECOND PASS IS NUMBER 509. COORDINATES OF THE NADIR
POINT AT THIS TIME ARE 21-28N; 103-58E INDICATING THAT
CAMERA TURN ON WAS ACCOMPLISHED APPROXIMATELY SIX
MINUTES LATER THAN PROGRAMMED TURN ON TIME/POINT
STIPULATED IN THE [REDACTED] CAMERA WAS

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TO BE TURNED ON AT QB01/000 (20-00N; 101-42E).

(2) REQUEST YOU REVIEW THIS SUBJECT IN DETAIL

WITH ALL PROJECT PILOTS AND PARTICULARLY WITH

[] TO DETERMINE REASON FOR APPARENT DELAY
IN CAMERA OPERATION ON SECOND PASS. PLS ADVISE PROJ
HQS RESULTS YOUR DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT.

(3) IT IMPERATIVE THAT CAMERA ON/OFF POINTS/TIMES
BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO ON ALL OPERATIONAL MISSIONS.

B. DROPPING OFF THE BOOM PRIOR TO END A/R - []

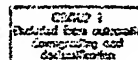
PILOT REPORT/SC&DM DATA VERIFIES THAT ARTICLE HAD

[] ON BOARD AND DROPPED OFF THE BOOM SOME 55NM PRIOR TO
END OF SECOND [] A/R. AT THIS POINT AIRCRAFT
STARTED TURN AND INITIATED CLIMB FOR SECOND PASS

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ACROSS DENIED. REALIZE THIS PROCEDURE IMPROVES FUEL RESERVE OVER DESTINATION HOWEVER, PROJ HQ 25X1 DOES NOT CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(1) THE DECREASED CLIMB DISTANCE AVAILABLE DEGRADES CAPABILITY TO MAKE GOOD MINIMUM PENETRATION ALTITUDE/ SPEED THUS DIRECTLY AFFECTING VULNERABILITY FOR SECOND PASS.

(2) AIRCRAFT IS OPERATING OUTSIDE THE COORDINATED/ APPROVED AIRSPACE BLOCK.

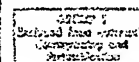
NOTE: FYI SC&DM DATA FROM BX6733 VERIFIES SAME EARLY DROPS OFF THE BOOM FOR A/R #2.

2. EXCEPT FOR FLIGHT SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS; I.E., WEATHER, FUEL RESERVES, THREAT FROM ENEMY DEFENSES, ETC., OPERATIONAL

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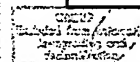
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